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# DAHLIAS

WITH HISTORY AND CULTURE



**BECKY**

See description on inside of front cover

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## **White Dahlia Gardens**

and GREENHOUSE

***Specializing in Dahlias since 1912***

6720 NORTH ALBINA AVE.  
PORTLAND 17, OREGON

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**BECKY**. (C-3") A seedling I have been growing for five years. After this thorough test, I feel sure it's worthy of being offered to those who like the miniature cactus. It is an early and profuse bloomer with a free branching habit and a healthy grower. Flowers have a neat appearance and are held firmly at the right angle on ideal wiry stems. The color is a pleasing deep shade of mauve pink, with a bit of silver in center. It can be disbudded and not be over sized. A fairly large stock permits a low price for a new introduction. Height is 4 feet. Roots (tubers) **\$2.50 NET**

**BECKY** is named after my granddaughter.

See picture of Becky on the front cover.

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**COMETE**—(Anemone) A rich, dark garnet red flower, 4 in. in diameter and fully as much in depth. The several rows of petals are surmounted with a multitude of tubular florets, pointed at tips. A 1953 novelty of a most original formation. Erect flowers on long, stiff stems. An ideal grower. 4½ ft. **\$1.00**  
See picture of **Comete** outside back cover.

**Croix du Sud** (Southern Cross) — *Anemone*. Petals of the 5" flowers are rich oriental red with a golden yellow cushion center. Strong, long stems. 4 ft. *Plants*, .75; *Roots*, **\$1.50**

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*When you think of Dahlias,  
Just think of White;  
You can then rest assured  
You are Thinking Right*

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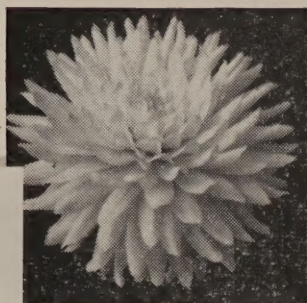
Mrs. R. D. Evans, 4422 Glenwood Drive, Everett, Wash.

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## **Read This!** Regarding size of blooms

The average diameter of bloom follows the name of each variety, but is by no means the maximum. Many of the larger varieties will grow an additional inch or two when disbudded and "forced" a bit. Also, some blooms will be less than stated after a long blooming period.





**Rose Tendre**  
Straight petaled Cactus



**Blendette**  
Incurved Cactus type



**Semi-Cactus Temple Fire**



**Florence Chadwick**

A 5 foot bush with 8 inch blooms. No better white.

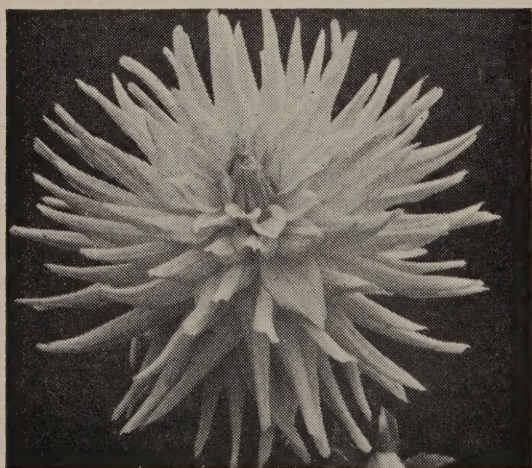




American Semi-Cactus **Whitehall**



Incurved Cactus **DAWN** (Australian)



**Lilas Superbe**

Extra fine, medium size lavender for cutting.



## Greetings, Dahlia Friends:

**W**ITH the coming of another planting season I am pleased to send you this Annual Spring Catalog of 'True-to-Name' Dahlias. With it, I wish to offer my appreciation to all, for their patronage and recommendations of my services to their friends and neighbors.

Another season has passed and no doubt it was one of the best for the growing of dahlias, that the Pacific Northwest has enjoyed for many years. Let us hope that Mother Nature will repeat these growing conditions in 1957.

I have described the varieties as well as I could in the space allowed and without exaggeration. Have described some really choice varieties very briefly, owing to a limited supply of them.

You will find listed a number of new varieties, that I grew last season and found outstanding. Others tried, showed no improvement over existing varieties, but some will get a second trial.

Yours for Better Dahlias,

WHITE DAHLIA GARDENS  
6720 N. Albina Ave., Portland 17, Oregon

All the prices quoted in this catalog are for dahlia **roots** (tubers), except where **Pot Roots** or **Plants** are offered.

### Please Read Before Ordering

**ORDER EARLY**—Orders are filled in rotation as received—order early and avoid disappointment.

**TERMS**—Cash with order or before shipping, by Money Order or Check. Stamps will be accepted on small orders. 5 to 20c preferred.

**PREPAID**—Everything in this catalog will be sent postpaid, except orders less than \$2.00. On these please add 15 cents for postage. If no postage received, small tubers will be sent

**SUBSTITUTION**—is not made unless you request it, and then only with equal or better variety of same color, or your second choice.

**GUARANTEE**—I carefully inspect each Dahlia root before packing for shipment and all are guaranteed to arrive in good growing condition with one or more live eyes or sprouts—and to be true to name. If any should prove otherwise, I will replace them, if returned.

**Write or print name and address plainly.**

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# CACTUS DAHLIAS

This list consists almost entirely of true Cactus type dahlias, except for a few Semi-Cac.



Bright pink "**Grace**" from Holland

Those with (C) after the name, have flowers similar to flower above. (SC) are those with broader, pointed petals, but same average size

**ABBOT**—(C-6") Perfectly formed, slightly incurved flower of rich burgandy red on stiff, erect stems. Free flowering. 3½ ft. **\$1.00**

**Advancement**—(C-6") A beautiful rose pink with a lavender tint, shading to a cream at center. Straight petals with serrated tips. Long, stout, erect stems. 5 feet. **\$1.00**

**AGLAJA**—(C-8") Straight petaled blooms of rich salmon orange with gold at center. Long stiff stems and upright flowers. 5 ft. **.85**

**ALLEGRESSE**—(C-8") Large elegantly formed pure sulphury yellow. Tall, robust plant with glossy foliage and unusually long, cane-like stems. Very outstanding. 6ft. **\$1.25**

**Alkazar**—(C-6") Deep salmon rose blooms, in abundance on dark stemmed plants. **.85**

**ALLWAYS**—(C-8") Lovely camelia rose shading lighter to base of long, narrow, slightly incurved petals. Free flowering, branching growth Good, stiff stems. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**ATOMIQUE**—(SC-6") Beautiful white, tinted pale lilac early in season. Erect flowers on finest of stems for cutting. 4 ft. **.75**

**AUMONIER CHANDELON**—(C-6") Lovely salmon rose, blending to creamy yellow in center; erect on long, stiff stems. 5 ft. **.60**



- BAY CITY WHITE**—(C-10") Petals are a bit broad for a true cactus but are long and incurving. A prizewinning white. 4ft. **\$1.25**  
A good exhibition dahlia for experienced hobbists.
- Berger's Meesterstuk**—C-Peach pink. **\$1.00**
- BIG BEN**—(C-11") Deepest carmine red. One of the largest true cactus ever, carried well on good, firm stems. English. 3½ ft. **\$2.50**
- BLACK BIRD**—(C-7 to 9") Velvety, blackish red. Long, narrow, spiralled petals nicely incurved. Continuous bloomer; long wiry stems. Best 'black' true cactus. 5 feet. **\$1.25**
- BLENDETTE**—(C-7") Incurved light yellow, blending with rose on outer part of petals. Quite unusual and on good stems, 4 ft. **\$1.25**
- Bluish Victory**—(C-7") Straight petaled bloom of bluish mauve rose. Long stems. 4ft. **\$1.25**
- Brilliant Star**—(SC-4 to 5") Perfectly formed scarlet red on strong, erect stems. Ideal in growth and extra free flowering. 3 ft. **.75**
- BRIGHTLING**—(C-6") A slightly incurved bloom of canary yellow, lightening to sulphur at tips. Healthy, branching, free flowering grower with long stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**  
My favorite medium size light yellow cactus last year.
- BROWN OWL**—(C-10") The narrow, widely incurved petals are bronzy old gold with a purplish reverse. Strong, upright stems and flowers. A dandy from So. Africa. 5 ft. **\$2.50**
- BUNNY**—(C-8") Pure lemon yellow on ideal stems. Moderately incurved and has a real good depth and substance. 4 ft. **\$1.75**
- CANDEUR ANVERSOISE**—(C-6") Extra fine pure white with numerous straight petals. A free and constant bloomer. Branching habit of growth and best of stems, 4 ft. **\$1.00**  
Best selling white cactus during past few seasons.
- Carlisle's Pinwheel**—Large incurved bronzy orange **\$1.**
- CARNAVAL**—(C) Showy red slightly tipped gold. **\$1.00**
- CHANOINE DESSAIN**—(C-7") Clear soft yellow with plenty of incurving petals. Blooms well out of foliage on good stems. An extra free flowering new Belgian sort. 4 ft. **\$1.00**
- CHERRIO**—(SC-4") Attractive shade of violet rose; distinctly tipped white. 4 feet. **\$1.00**
- COMTESSE**—(SC) Lovely 4" clear pink, erect on extra long stems. Ideal to cut. 4 ft. **.60**
- DAWN**—(C-7") White, delicately tinted lilac. Petals are numerous, finely rolled and moderately incurved. Strong grower with long, stout stems and erect flowers, late. 5 ft. **\$1.00**
- DEEP ORANGE**—(C-5") Rich, pure orange of perfect form on long, strong stems. 4ft. **\$1.00**
- Dentelle de Venise** ("Lace of Venice")—Pure white 6" cactus with split petal tips. **\$1.00**

**DESTIN**—(C-5") A pleasing lilac mauve. .50

**DUTCH GOLD**—(C-7") Pleasing shade of rich yellowish gold. Blooms freely, erect on excellent stems well above foliage. 4 ft. .75

**DETROITER**—(C-9") Deep cardinal red with crimson shadings. Long, stout stems. \$1.50

**ELSIE WENHAM**—(C-9") Lovely deep, bluish lilac, shading lighter at tips of beautifully incurved petals. Good stems. 4 ft. \$1.00

**FAIR MAID**—(C-7") Beautiful shade of coral salmon. Stems are excellent. 4 ft. \$1.00

**Feu Anversoise**—Plants Only. See page 23.

**F. HARRIS**—(C-6") The incurved, claw-like petals are deep chrome at base, blending to bright red. Long stems and free. 4 ft. .75

**FINESSE ANVERSOISE**—(C-6") Very numerous, needle-like petals that recurve to the stem. Delicate primrose yellow to white at tips. Very free flowering; long stems. 4 ft. .75

**Flaming Spider**—Plants Only. See page 23.

**FLIRT**—(C-6") Partly incurved, deep flowers of clear sulphur yellow. Is free flowering and erect on ideal stems to cut. 4½ ft. \$1.00

**FLORENCE CHADWICK**—(C-7") The finest white cactus to date. As near faultless as any large dahlia I have yet grown. Excellent substance, perfect form and of extra good depth. Tips of petals and centers are lightly flushed lilac. Blooms early till late with full centers and erect on long, stout stems. 5 feet. \$1.75

**FRESCO**—Plants Only. Turn to page 23.

**Friedensgrusz**—(C-8") Ivory white tinted a pale yellow at base of the long and twisted petals. New German importation. 4 ft. \$1.50

**Gen. Eisenhauer**—(C-8") Rich red. 5 ft. \$1.25

**GOLDEN RECTITUDE**—(C-7") An elegant light Spanish orange. Narrow petaled flowers held erect on long, dark stems. 5 ft. \$1.00

**Gold Spider**—(C-7") Chamoise blending to a striking yellow center. Narrow, moderately incurved petals. Extra long stems 5 ft. \$1.25

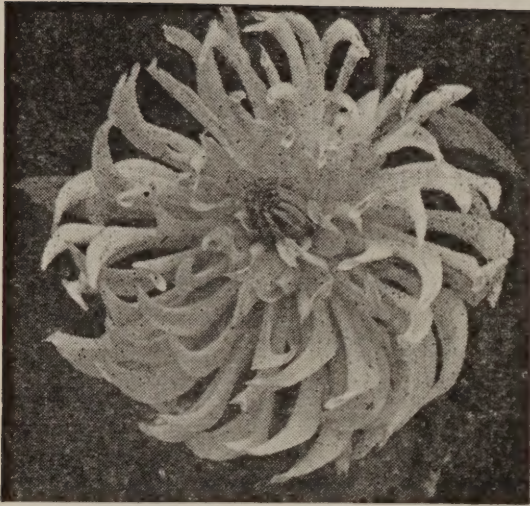
**GOOD EARTH**—(C-7") Deep rose pink with creamy center. Profuse bloomer on long, wiry and erect stems. One of the best. 5 ft. \$1.25

**GOOD MORNING**—(C-5") Very fine clear, light amaranth rose on the finest of stems. Healthy grower. An early, profuse bloomer. Best light pink cactus for cutting 4 ft. .75

**GRACE**—(C-5") Nice sized flowers of purest Persian rose. Ideal bush growth with erect blooms on wiry stems. An early, very free and continuous bloomer. 3 feet. \$1.00

**GRACE** has been the **best seller** of all varieties, on the Fall orders, in the gardens for the past 4 seasons.





Incurved cactus "Lyriek"

**GRANDEZZA**—(C-7") Deep, glowing currant red, tinted violet. Beautifully incurved narrow petals with cleft tips. A healthy grower and free bloomer; ideal stems. 4½ ft. **\$1.00**

**Grandmaster Berger**—(C-8") Beautiful pink, tinted orchid with creamy center being wide, deep, well formed, full centered. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**HEART of GOLD**—(SC-7") Striking red shade with chrome yellow center and tips. Perfect form and long, erect stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**Hart's Whirlaway**—(C-9") Bronzy apricot, blending to yellow in center. Late bloomer. 5 ft. Pot Roots, **\$1.00**

**HEIMATLAND**—(SC-6") Pure mauve, faultless in form and on long stems. Does not fade and is ideal for cutting. German. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**HERBERT APPS**—(C-8") Bright and effective light gold with narrow, incurving petals. Best of habit with long stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**HOEK'S GLORY**—(C-7") Same in every way to 'Berger's Meesterstuk' except color, which is an enchanting orchid lavender. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**HYLAS**—(SC-7") A very fine rich salmon red of perfect formation, held erect on long, stiff stems. Strong, free flowering habit. 4ft. **.75**

**HYPNOSE**—(C-8") Light amber yellow, striped red on good stems. Early and very free bloomer. Unusual color for cactus. 4 ft. **.85**

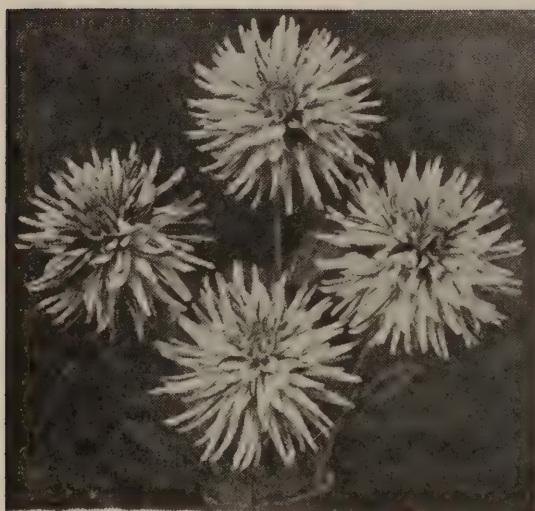
**Janet Beckett**—See large Semi-Cac., page 14

**JERSEYS DAINTY**—(C-7") Very fine white. Slightly incurved; long, stiff stems, 4ft. **.50**

**JUANITA**—(C-7") Clear, rich, deep rose red. Very full-petaled, incurved blooms on ideal stems. A free bloomer from Africa. 3ft. **\$1.50**  
Juanita has received many **Most Perfect** in **Show** awards, during the past four years, at the large Eastern Dahlia Shows.

- JUBILATE**—(C-8") Elegant rich blood red on long, strong stems. One of very finest new red cactus. Of German origin. 4½ ft. **\$1.75**
- KELVIN SUNRISE**—(C-6") Rich honey yellow, suffused and tipped coral red. 4 ft. **.75**
- KONINGIN JULIANA**—(C-7") A pure burnt orange throughout. Free flowering on long, stiff stems and lasting when cut. 4 ft. **.60**
- LEIDEN'S ATTRACTION**—(C-8") A lovely, soft salmon pink, shading to bright yellow in center. Extra long, erect stems 5 ft. **.75**
- LILAS SUPERBE**—(C-5") Soft lilac to white at base of straight petals. A most beautiful blend in this shade. Strong, healthy grower and has extra good stems. 5 ft. **\$1.25**
- LYRIEK**—(C-7") Most pleasing orchid mauve. Very artistic flower with elegantly curled petals, held erect on upright stems. 4 ft. **1.00**
- MAGNETIC**—(C-7") A bright canary yellow with narrow, straight petals. Early and profuse bloomer. Long, erect stem. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- Margery Blake**—(C-6") Lovely rose pink. **.50**
- MASCOTTE**—(C-7") Color is an exquisite carmine pink, beautifully incurved. Good stems and keeps well when cut. 4½ ft. **.60**
- MARIKA ROKK**—(SC-6 to 7") Rich rose red suffused with a violet glow. Perfectly formed flowers of great depth held stiffly erect on long, upright stems. Prolific. 4 ft. **\$1.25**
- Maude Crawford**—(C-5") Very free flowering lemon yellow. on long stems. 3½ ft. **.50**
- MERCEDES**—(SC-6") Never fading rich, deep blood red on erect stems. An ideal grower and early bloomer. German. 3½ ft **\$1.25**
- Miss ROSE FLETCHER**—(SC-5") A lovely clear venetian pink of perfect form. Very erect on stiff stems and one of the best for cut flowers. From Australia. 4 ft. **.75**
- Mlle. Clem. PAYEN**—(C-8") Full-petaled incurved flowers on stiff stems. Distinct lilac mauve with a much deeper center bud, that attracts the eye. A beauty, 4 ft, **\$1.00**
- Madame Bruxelles**—(C-5") Showy blooms of canary yellow with jasper red edgings and tips. Long, wiry stems. Distinct. 4 ft. **\$1.00**
- Mme. DESIREE DRAPS**—(C-7") Lovely carmine pink with yellow base. Narrow, incurved petals that are deeply split with flowers on strong stems. Belgian novelty. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- Mme. Kronacker**— See **Plants** on page 23.
- MOM'S PRIDE**—(C-7") Grenadine or shrimp pink. Deep flowers of perfect form, held upright on excellent stems. New. 4¾ ft. **\$2.00**





4 to 5" Semi-Cactus. **"Moya Marce"**

**MOEDER BALLEGO**—(C-7") The most clear shade of pure, deep blood red. Moderately incurved flowers of very artistic form. Vigorous, free-flowering. Long stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**MOYA MARCE SC-4")** Lavender pink, penciled and striped with rich purple. Stems are ideal with perfectly formed flowers, held upright. Popular New Zealander. 4 ft. **\$1.25**  
Moya M. has one fault. It produces small roots.

**Nagel's Solidite**—(C-8") Rose pink. 5 ft. **\$1.25**

**NICKY K**—(SC-5) Pure, rich scarlet red with tips of petals split. Erect flowers on strong stems. A good, showy red dahlia. 3 ft. **.75**

**ORFEO**—(C-6") Glistening fuchsia purple tint of most perfect form. Blooms early, freely and erect on best of stems. 3½ ft. **\$1.00**

**PATRICIA SPOLLEN** (C to SC-8") Flowers are persimmon orange, or burnt orange and are deep and perfectly formed. Is erect on strong faultless stems. American 4 ft. **\$1.50**

**PEGGY J.**—(C-7") Rare and beautiful blend of soft amaranth rose and white. Tightly rolled, straight petals lacinated at the tips. Strong stems. Mid-season bloomer. 3 ft. **.75**

**PHENOMENE (Nagel's)**—(C-9") Spiralled and widely incurved narrow petals of ivory, with purple at the outer third of petals. 5 ft. **\$1.25**

**PIERROT**—(C-6") Beautiful coral rose, changing to canary yellow at base of petals. An early, free bloomer: long stems 4 ft. **\$2.00**

**Pioneer**—(C-6") Very fine yellow. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**PIQUANT**—(SC-7") A vivid saturn red with every flower heavily tipped white. Erect flowers on extra good stems. A constant bloomer. Very showy in the garden. 5 ft. **\$1.25**

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See "Surprise" Offer on page 20

- PRIDE of HOLLAND**—(C-8") Clear Persian rose shade with narrow, straight petals. Extra long stems; free bloomer. 4½ ft. **\$1.25**
- PRINCESS ROYAL**—(C-7") A lovely and attractive light salmory pink with lighter center. Perfect form and stems. 4 ft. **\$1.25**
- PURITY**—(SC-5") A perfectly formed purest white variety on real long, extra strong and erect stems. Ideal for cutting. 3 ft. **.60**
- PYROPHORA**—(SC-9") Orange flame with a golden reverse. Very showy and free flowering for such a large sort. Late. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- RAYONNANTE**—(C-7") Light bronze, suffused old rose. Finely rolled and irregularly incurved petals. Erect, wiry stems. 4 ft. **.75**
- Ree's SUNSHINE**—(SC-6") Pure rich yellow with deeply split tips. Stiff stems. 4 ft. **.75**
- REINDEER**—(SC-7") Yellow at base of broad petals, blending to white at tips of tapering florets. Full centers; stout stems 4 ft. **.85**
- Rosemary Dainty**—(C-5") Lovely shell pink shaded lighter. Profuse bloomer. 3½ ft. **.50**
- ROSE TENDRE**—(C-8") Pure soft light pink flowers with straight petals. Stems are long and strong with rigidly erect flowers. New Dutch sort of greatest merit. 5 ft. **\$1.50**
- Salmon Glory**—(C-8") Narrow, straight petals of pure coral salmon with yellow at base. Extra long, stiff stems. Attractive. 5 ft. **2.00**
- SHEIK**—(C-7") Lilac pink with cream center. Perfectly shaped blooms erect on excellent stems. Free blooming favorite, 3½ ft. **\$1.00**
- SHI-UNRYUH**—(C-9") Incurved blooms of a dianthus purple on extra stout stems. Very strong, healthy grower. Japanese. 4 ft. **\$1.50**
- SMOKY**—(C-8") Deep mauve blended bronze and ochre. Beautifully incurved. 5 ft. **.85**
- STOPLIGHT**—(SC-7") A rich carmine red of uniform shape; long, erect stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**
- St. Therese**—(C-6") Silvery pink. 4 ft. **.75**
- SUNGLEAM**—(C-7") Lovely pure salmon pink with yellow base. Evenly incurved flowers, held erect on long, rigid stems well above foliage. Highly recommended 6 ft. **\$1.50**
- SUPER CLASS**—(C-9") Orange salmon suffused bronze and blending to yellow center. Stems are extra long and strong. It blooms freely. 1st Class Award, Holland. 5 ft. **\$2.50**
- TEMPLE FIRE**—(SC-5") Lively carmine red with a tint of violet. Perfectly formed, erect flowers on wiry stems. Ideal, free flowering habit. A most popular dahlia 3 ft. **\$1.25**
- TIPPLER**—(C-5") White, tipped lilac. 3 ft. **.75**

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When you water, don't sprinkle, soak 'em good.





**Val Saint Lambert**

**Television**—(C-5") Yellow; scarlet tips. \$1.25

**TORCH**—(C-5") Soft orange blending to rich flame color at tips. Nicely incurved blooms on wiry stems. Quite distinct and is always attractive to garden visitors, 3 ft. .75

**Torch** (Ballay's)—**Plants** only on page 23.

**TORNADO**—(C-7") Evenly incurved flowers of a striking orange scarlet. A continuous bloomer on long, wiry stems. 4 ft. \$1.25

**VAL ST. LAMBERT**—(C-7") This is a most distinctive and beautifully colored dahlia. Creamy pink, changing to a cerise rose on outer half of petals, which are incurved and deeply split into three points at tips. Free flowering on excellent stems. 4 ft. \$1.00

**Velvet Marvel** (C-7") Velvety rich red. 4 ft. .50

**VICTORY MAID**—(C-6") Deep carmine red, always deeply tipped white. Incurved flowers on long stems continuously. 4 ft. \$1.00

**Wagschal's Goldkrone**—**Plants** only pg. 23.

**White Superior**—(C-6") Incurved. 4 ft. .75

**WILHELM ROPKE**—(C-6") Dazzling orange, suffused scarlet—a sparkling color of great intensity. Slightly incurved flowers on very erect, wiry stems. Extra free flowering compact growth. Showy in a garden. 3 ft. \$1.00

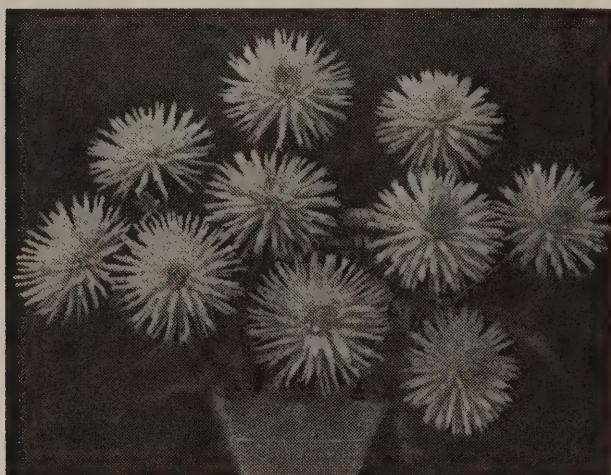
**YELLOW SPECIAL**—(C-6") A bright canary yellow with straight, tightly quilled petals. Erect on long stems. 3½ ft. .75

Planting Directions sent with every order.

## MINIATURE DAHLIAS

These are the same type as the large sorts but measure only 2½ to three inches across, except where 4 in. flower size is given.

They bloom profusely, have ideal stems and are most popular for medium size bouquets.



Dwarf Miniature Cactus "Little Annie"

### Miniature Cactus & Semi-Cactus

Miniature Decoratives are listed following Giant Dec.

**ANDRIE'S ORANGE**—(Cac) Brilliant orange held erect on long, stiff stems. One of the freest bloomers and most lasting cut-flower dahlias we have ever grown. 4 ft. .50

**ARABESKE**—(Cac) Beautiful sulphury yellow. Dainty flowers of exquisite form on elegant, stiff stems. Extra fine Holland sort. 3 ft. .75

**ASPECT**—(SC 4") An odd and attractive lobster red. Neatly formed cutflower on long, wire-like stems. Early, prolific. 4 ft. \$1.00

**BENVENUTO**—(SC) A very pretty amaranth rose. Color, form and stem ideal. 3½ ft. .75

**Brynmore Snow**—(SC-3") Attractive star-like clear milk white. Ideal stems. 3 ft. \$1.00

**Goldie Heart**—(SC-4") Red, tipped gold. .75

**HAZEL HARPER**—A 3 in. cactus of bright, clear pink with a conspicuous white center, flowering freely on wiry stems. 3 ft. .75

**Little Annie**—(C-3") Light carmine rose. Low bushy grower. Prolific bloomer. 2 ft. \$1.00

**Little Linda**—(C-3") White, tinted pale pink. A very free bloomer. Long stems. 4 ft. \$1.00

**Little Peach**—A blending of salmon rose with deep chrome; long, wiry stems. 3 ft. .40

See the SPECIAL OFFERS on page 20.





Miniature Semi-Cactus, "**Muriel Young**"

**Little Rachael**—(C-3") Rose pink. 4 ft. .95

**MARGARET**—(SC) Yellow base, blending to cerise rose at tips. Extra free flowering on stiff stems. Dainty and attractive. 3 ft. .50

**MIA**—(Cac) Attractive pure carmine red shade. Fine stems; very profuse bloomer. 3½ ft. .50

**MILLIE**—(C-4") A pure white with straight petals and ideal stems. Healthy grower; free and constant bloomer. 4½ ft. .75

**MURIEL YOUNG**—(SC) Straight petals are broad at base, rolling to a sharp point at tip. 3" scarlet red, starlike flowers, barely tipped with gold. Wiry, erect stems. 3 ft. .75

**NAR**—(SC) A reddish orange, deeply tipped golden yellow. Odd and attractive color and form. Long upright stems. 5 ft. .75

**ORIENT MORN**—A little beauty with narrow incurving petals of orange flame color, blending to gold at base. Extra long, wire-like stems hold flowers erect. Free bloomer and a very lasting cut-flower. 4ft. \$1.00

**Orient Morn** is a bushy grower and might need some thinning out on nitrogen rich soils or if in much shade.

**RUBY CHARM**—(c) Rich ruby red. Perfect form, ideal stems and good keeper. New 1952 introduction. Average size 3 to 4 in. 4 ft. .75

**Spencer's Darling**—(C-3") Soft salmon pink; petals incurve; excellent stems. 3 ft. .75

**SPUN SILK**—Attractive rose pink, changing to white at ends of petals. A medium low branching plant with long, stiff stems. .50

**TONETTE**—A spiky little cactus of a salmon rose suffused copper. A low, bushy grower and a prolific bloomer on wiry stems. Ideal for small bouquets and arranging. 2 ft. .75  
Do not plant **Tonette** between or behind tall growers

# Giant DECORATIVE & SEMI-CACTUS Dahlias

This list contains the Giant Decorative dahlias and the largest of the Semi-Cactus. All are 8 to 10 in. or over, except a few Decoratives



## ANDRIE'S WONDER

(FD) **Formal Decoratives**—Wide, flat, overlapping petals  
 (ID) **Informal Decorative**—Wavy, irregular broad petals.  
 (SC) **Semi-Cactus**—Petals broad at base and tapering to a point at the tips

Following each name is average diameter of bloom.

**ANDRIE'S WONDER**—(ID-10") Very unusual and beautifully formed dahlia. Tips of petals resemble the spoon chrysanthemums. Color of outer petals is bronze, edged pink and blending to a glowing golden tint in the center. Blooms early and freely on best of stems. Belgian novelty with petal formation entirely different to any other 4ft. **\$1.50**  
 Won Best Basket at Portland Dahlia Show, 1955

**A. H. Spicer**—(FD-4") Distinct, vivid cherry rose. Perfect form; stiff stems. 3 ft. **\$1.00**

**ANNETTE**—(ID-10") Pure yellow blooms of extra good depth on stout stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**AUTUMN BLAZE**—(ID-11") Massive flowers of fiery red shaded with gold toward ends of petals. Very showy color combination. The largest in 1952 & '54 Portland Shows. **\$1.00**

**AUSTRIA**—(ID-8") Bright red with white tips. Beautiful, artistic form and above average in depth. Real good stems. 4½ ft. **\$1.00**

**BALLEGO'S GLORY**—(FD-7") A rich mahogany red with golden edge and tip. Perfect form; long erect stems and flowers. 4 ft. **.75**



- BESSIE HARDRESS**—(D-9") A soft mimosa yellow with delicate mauve tints. 4 ft. .50
- Black Monarch**—See **Plants** on page 23.
- BLACKOUT**—(FD-10") Bold, deep flowers of blackish maroon, erect on stout stem. \$1.25
- Bobby Dean**—(FD-6") **Jersey Beauty** sport. Identical except color; salmon pink. 6 ft. .60
- BRANDARIS**—(FD-6") Attractive flowers of perfect form and erect on long, stiff stems. Pleasing coral red with attractive gold center. Free and constant bloomer. 4 ft. \$1.00
- Burnbrae Memories**—See **Plants**, page 23.
- CANTICLES**—(D-8") A free flowering phlox pink, tinted orchid on erect stems. Robust, healthy grower. New Zealander, 4 ft. \$1.25
- CHAS. L. MASTICK**—(FD-9") A very full flower of attractive soft orange. 3½ ft. .50
- CLARIAM FOREVER**—(ID-9") An outstanding clear light pink. Vigorous grower with good foliage and stems. Lovely. 4 ft. \$1.25
- Collector's Item**—(SC-10") A striking blend of gold changing to flame red at tips. Strong grower with cane-like stems. Late. 4 ft. \$1.50
- Croydon Apricot**—(D-11") Very pleasing pure bronzy apricot erect; heavy stems. 3 ft. \$1.
- CROYDON MASTERPIECE**—(FD-11") Rich coppery orange. One of the largest ever. Of great depth. Quite early and free blooming. Strong, robust grower and erect stems. One of the best Australian dahlias and a constant prizewinner at dahlia shows. 4 ft. \$1.25
- CROYDON SNOTOP**—(FD-10") Pure white on strong, erect stems above glossy foliage. One of the best giant whites. 3— ft. \$1.25
- Crystal's Surprise**—(D-8") An Egyptian buff, flecked and spotted generously with rich red. •Healthy grower with dandy stems 4 ft. \$1.00
- CUPIDO**—(D-5") Beautiful bright blood red. Ideal grower and profuse bloomer on finest of stems for cutting. Dutch. 3½ ft. .75
- D - DAY**—(FD-6") True pink of excellent substance on long, strong stems. 5 ft. .60
- DEEP VELVET**—(FD-7") A velvety maroon with overlay of oxblood red. The blooms are deep, perfectly formed and erect, 4 ft. .75
- Deuil du ROI ALBERT**—(FD-6") Rich purple evenly tipped with pure white. Is very free flowering, on long, wiry stems. 4 ft. .75
- DIVA**—(SC-10") A soft lilac of artistic form. Broad, tapering petals twist and incurve at tips. Strong stems. A German. 4 ft. \$1.00
- DIXIE WINE DOT**—(ID-10") White, spotted and penciled with rich wine color. A strong grower with good stems and depth. 5 ft. \$1.00

**DUET**—(FD-7") An outstanding dark red with showy white tips and is more uniform than most bi-colors. Most attractive garden plant with blooms erect on good stems and very lasting. 1956 American novelty. 3 ft. **\$5.00**

**EASTERN ECHO**—(FD-5") A lavender pink spotted violet red. Good stems. 3½ ft. **.50**

**EDINBURGH**—(FD-5") Rich purplish maroon evenly tipped white. Almost a ball. 3 ft. **.75**

**EXQUISITE**—(FD-8") White with a touch of lavender in center. Beautiful flowers of perfect form on real good stems. 4 ft. **.75**

**FIGARO**—(SC-10") Sunflower yellow. flecked and streaked with scarlet red. 4 ft. **.75**

**FIRST LADY**—(FD-8") A beautiful Dresden yellow with numerous petals, which recurve completely back to the stem, giving unusual depth. Early bloomer. Excellent stems. Big prizewinner in 1954, '55 and '56. 3½ ft. **\$2.50**

**FLAMINGO**—(FD-6") An attractive carmine rose, called lobster red by some. Good size Long, strong stems. Early, free, 5 ft. **.75**

**GERRIE HOEK**—(FD-4") A lovely soft rose. Perfect in form and held erect on long stems. One of the most popular for cutting 4 ft. **.75**

**GOLDEN LEADER**—(FD-6") Deep, pure gold and very perfect in form. Held erect on long, straight stems. Lasts when cut. 4 ft. **.75**

**GOUDBROCAAT**—(ID-7") Rich gold, thickly penciled and splashed with a deep crimson. Perfect flowers produced freely and erect on rigid, upright stem. Very distinct. 4 ft. **.75**

**GRUGA** (SC-9") A really beautiful shade of clear mimosa yellow. held proudly erect on long cane-like stems. Very healthy grower and foliage. New German giant. 5 ft **\$1.50**

**HOUSE of ORANGE**—(FD-7") A clear, soft orange. Early and free bloomer on best of stems. Healthy grower and extra fine for any purpose. A fine Dutch dahlia. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**I. van de Plassche**—Withdrawn to increase stock for '58

**IVEY GOLD**—(FD-10") Pure rich old gold of distinct shade and perfect regularity. Stems are strong; showy blooms erect. 4½ ft. **\$1.50**

**ISLIP PURITY**—(FD-6") Pure white of perfect form on extra strong stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**JANE LAUSCHE**—(SC-10") Attractive color combination. A rosy mauve, with many of the flowers tipped with white. Erect on stiff stems. Consistent prizewinner. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**JANET BECKETT**—(SC-10") A deep yellow, tinted with apricot towards center. Free producer of perfectly formed blooms on ideal stems. English dahlia of merit, 4 ft. **\$1.25**

Won **most perfect bloom** award in Milwaukee Show '56





**Kidd's Climax**

**Jersey's Beauty**—(FD-6") Rich pink 5 ft. .50

**Jos. B. Lanktree**—(SC-11") Rich red 5 ft. \$1.25

**KELVIN**—(ID-11") One of the best. The deep, massive blooms are held rigidly erect on stout stems. Attractive soft peach rose color. Plants robust; extra large leaves. 3 ft. \$1.25

**KIDD'S CLIMAX**—(FD-10") A very pleasing blend of light yellow and pink, suffused orchid, with plenty of substance. Stout, erect stems. The Sweepstakes winner at the 1955 Portland Dahlia Show. 3 feet. \$1.25

**Lavender Perfection**—(FD-11") Pure pinkish lavender of perfect regularity. Plants have good habits and bloom freely. A prizewinner in its type and color. 4 feet. \$1.25

**Leading Lady**—(FD-8") Creamy yellow suffused with light rose and is usually tipped white. Excellent stems. 4 ft. .85

**LUCERNA**—(SC-9") Deep mahogany red with showy golden yellow reverse. 3½ feet, .95

**MAJUBA**—(FD-6") Blood red deepened with carmine. Extra good, stiff stems. 4 ft. .95

**MARILYN DALE**—(SC-10") Pleasing color, described as fuchsia rose or rosy lilac. Strong grower with long, stout stems. 5 ft. \$1.25

**MARK TWAIN**(ID-10") Bright, rich red with one-third of petals tipped white, 3 ft. \$1.50

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Planting Directions sent with every order.



A bush of **"KELVIN"** in our gardens

These blooms measured 11 to 12 in. across and 7 in. deep

**MARY ELIZABETH**—(ID-11") Rich turkish red. Vigorous grower with good stems and foliage. A 1954 American introduction that has won many top show awards everywhere during the past 3 years. 4 ft. Roots, **\$1.75**

**MAUREEN CONNOLLY**—(FD-7") Clear, soft canary yellow with the petals folding back to stems. Strong, healthy grower with long stems. Blooms early and late. Grand dahlia for large baskets, etc. 6 ft. **\$1.25**

**MRS. HESTER PAPE**—(ID-10") An elegant flower of beautiful recurved form. Striking rich ruby red on rod-like stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

Is a constant winner in many Shows but, for exhibition purposes, it needs shading of blooms to prevent fading

**NEAREST BLUE**—(ID-11") A flower of massive, reflexed form, carried on rigidly erect stems. A novelty for color with a definite but variable blue tint. 4 ft **\$1.50**

**NORLANE**—(SC-9) Pale rose with light suffusions of carmine rose. A bold grower with excellent stems and tight centers, 4 ft. **\$1.50**

**OLD GLORY**—(FD-7") Bright signal red tipped white. Striking garden plant. 4 ft. **\$1.50**

**ORMEROD**—Soft gold, shaded orange flame. 5 in. flowers on long, wiry stems. 4 ft. **.75**

**Our Friend**—Only Plants. See on page 23.

**POP HARRIS**—(FD-9") Rich, deep red of excellent form on real good stems. A healthy grower and constant bloomer. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**POWDER PUFF**—(ID-11") An orchid pink of great depth on stoutest stems. 4 ft. **.75**

**PRAIRIE SUN**—(FD-9") Pure yellow of excellent form and substance. Above average stems in length and strength. 5 ft. **\$1.25**



**PREMIE '48**—(FD-8") A bluish lilac-purple, edged and tipped silver. Large blooms with broad florets; erect stems. Distinct. 4' **\$1.00**

**PRETTY LADY**—(D-8") Numerous, closely set petals of pinkish lavender, shaded with a dark lilac. Strong, erect stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**Pride of Parkersburg**—(SC-10") A medium shade of clear yellow. Grows tall and robust with long, extra strong stems. Outstanding for garden or exhibition. 6 ft. **\$1.25**

**PROF. PICCARD**—(SC-8") Silvery rose, penciled and striped rich purple. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**RED and WHITE**—(FD-7") An exciting color blend. Pure white with every floret broadly edged scarlet. Long, erect stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**RONDKUP**—(Ball) Lovely fawn, edged with salmon. Good stems for cutting. 4 ft. **.50**

**Schweizerland**—(D-6") Crimson red, heavily tipped white. Very true to color. Blooms are neat and freely produced. Ideal stems. **\$1.75**

**SELLWOOD GLORY**—(FD-7") Pansy purple, tinted mahogany and suffusing to a silvery white edging to each petal. 4 ft. **\$1.25**

**SHELBOURNE SUNSET**—(SC-10") Oriental shades of red, blending to sulphur and gold at base. Bushy grower; early. 3½ ft. **\$1.25**

**SNOWCUP**—(SC-4½") Artistic white on extra good stems. Tops for cutting. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**Spalding's Lavender Beauty**—(FD-7") Very beautiful recurving blooms with high centers on upright stems. A lovely pure lavender with silvery shadings. Profuse. 3½ ft. **\$1.25**

**STARDUST**—(FD-9") A nice clean pink with great depth and held erect on cane-like stems well above the foliage. Real good American dahlia for garden or exhibition. 4 ft. **\$1.50**  
This is one of the later flowering dahlias. Plant earlier.

**SURPRISE**—Only **Plants**. See on page 23.

**TARTAN**—(ID-7") Darkest oxblood red with outer third of center of petals a pure white. Exceptional bicolor with curled and twisting petals reflexing back to the stem. Perfectly upright stems. Unique in form. 4½ ft. **\$2.00**

**The CARDINAL**—(SC-10") A bright cardinal red, held erect on excellent stems. Healthy grower and free bloomer. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**TIARA**—(FD-9") Orange peach tipped white. An unusual bi-color with extra long stems. A prizewinner in its color class. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**TWILIGHT**—(ID) 9 in. glowing rich violet. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

**Variety Girl**—(FD-8") Indian yellow, mostly tipped pearly white. Perfect form and stem. Robust and upright in growth. 4½ ft. **\$1.00**

**Viscount Bledisloe**—(ID-11") An oriental red tinted mahogany, with extra broad petals. Enormous deep flowers, erect on stout, long stems. Vigorous, 5 ft. grower. Scotch. **\$2.00**

**WHITE POP HARRIS**—(ID-9") An extra fine white, faintly tinted pale pink. Upright robust grower Stout, erect stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**

**WHITEHALL**—(SC-9") Extra fine pure white with numerous pointed petals and high centers. Strong, branching grower, producing many erect blooms on stiff stems. One of the best large white dahlias. 4 ft. **\$1.50**

**WINIFRED STREDWICK**—(ID-10") One of the best pure whites. Stout stems hold the blooms rigidly erect. 3 ft. **\$1.50**

Remove first set of buds as they are short stemmed.

**WILLY MULLENS**—(FD-9") Rich blood red with every flower heavily tipped white Free bloomer and real good stems. 3½ ft. **\$1.25**

**YELLOW ELEGANCE**—(ID-5") A charming pure yellow of excellent depth and substance Upright habit with stems second to none. A favorite and an ideal cut flower. 4 ft. **\$1.00**

### Dwarf Bedding Dahlias

These will grow only about 18 to 20 inches in height. Especially valuable for borders, beds, rockeries or in front of shrubbery, etc.

**Bonnie Esperance**—A one inch single of light pink. Profuse bloomer on 1 foot high, bushy plants. The smallest dahlia I know of. **.50**

**Little Sheik**—Small cactus of rose red, variably edged and tipped white; showy. **.75**

**Nickie**—Small cactus of pure yellow, holding its perfect form all season 18 in. **\$1.00**

**Tiny White**—Small 2" pure white with 1 or 2 rows of petals. Ideal to cut. 2 feet. **.75**

**WIEK**—The best fiery red dwf. single **.50**

**ANEMONE FLOWERED DAHLIAS** 18 in. high

**Bridesmaid**—Pure white; lemon cushion **.50**

**Honey**—Rose; honey yellow cushion. 2ft. **.85**

**Templekid**—Orange petals with lighter cushion. Effective on long stems. 2 ft. **.50**

**Vera Higgins**—Coral rose and gold... **.75**

### Bronze Foliage Dahlias

**M. F. Helsmoortel**—Duplex with 2 to 5 rows of petals. Violet red, deeply tipped with orchid pink. Good stems for cutting An odd and attractive new Belgian sort. 3 ft. **.75**

This is the first bronze foliage dahlia with flowers of some other color than a shade of solid red.

**Rote Funken**—Semi-double, scarlet red flowers in profusion on compact bushes, Good stems. Better than *Bishop of L.* 2½ ft. **.75**

**THOR**—Double, deep crimson flowers. 2 ft. **.60**



## Miniature Decorative Dahlias

2½ to 3" in diameter, except where stated.



**Hockley Nymph**

**ANDRIE'S PINK**—Glowing pure deep rose. Extra free flowering on erect stems. 3 ft. .60

**BABY SPENCER**—Gold shading to coral red on outer half of petals. Early and unusually free flowering on wiry stems. 3½ ft. .75

**CATHERINE**—Light mauve pink, striped and speckled Dianthus purple. Long, erect stems. A distinctly colored miniature. 4 ft. .85

**CHERYL ANN**—Light primrose yellow, with petals edged lighter. Myriads of small, perfect blooms on long, wiry stems. 4 ft. .75

**DECOY**—Vivid golden yellow tipped scarlet. An extra early and free flowering miniature of perfect form on wiry stems. 3 ft. .75

**Fleecy Rose**—A 4" soft salmon rose, serrated at tips. Novel shape; stout stems. 4 ft. \$1.00

**HENRY O.**—Small, very formal gold yellow. Profuse bloomer, early and late. 3 ft. \$1.00

**Hockley Nymph**—Pure, warm cream color. Delightful little flower of most perfect form, on long, ideal stems. Almost semi-cactus at times. An early, prolific and constant bloomer. Outstanding cut flower and is as near a faultless dahlia as any yet grown. 3 ft. \$1.50

**Hulin's Carnival**—A creamy white, penciled and spotted purple. Long stems. .75

**LILIANNE BALLEGO**—Rich, pure orange with a multitude of petals placed in perfect regularity. Stems are wiry and carry flowers stoutly erect. Ideal for cutting and very attractive in your garden. 3 ft. .75

- Jessie Ross**— Small, deep flowers of a pure Persian rose. Compact bushes. 2 ft. **\$1.00**
- LILLY BELLE**—A 4" perfectly formed flower of soft rose pink with lighter base. Flowers freely and is a good cut flower. 4 ft. **.50**
- LITTLE JIMMY**— A perfectly formed, deep flower erect on extra long stems. Pure white and one of the best for cutting. 4 ft. **.75**
- MARIA GORETTI**—Small flowers of purest white on long, erect stems. Quite distinct in petal formation—the edges rolling inwards. No dahlia keeps longer when cut. 4½ ft. **.75**
- META**—(4") Beautiful blending of white with lavender at center and outer edges of petals. Prolific with good centers, stems. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- Orange Baby**—A 2" formal that blooms profusely. Soft orange salmon. New. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- PROMISING SURPRISE**—Rich tyrian purple, variously tipped and blotched white. A profuse bloomer; erect stems. 3 ft. **.75**
- Rosalind Barnes**— 4" rich cherry rose blending to yellow base. Fine stems. 3 ft. **.75**
- Silver Springs**— A soft, delicate pink, small formal with many, closely set petals. Ideal for arrangements and exhibition. 3 ft. **\$1.00**
- TACITA**—Bright carmine pink with a lavender overcast. 3 to 4 inch, perfectly formed flowers on long, sturdy stems. 3 ft. **.75**
- TROEF**—(FD4") Distinct shade of pure lilac, erect on extra long, stiff stems. 4 ft. **.75**
- WHITE FAWN**—A waxy white, 3 in. bloom. Excellent substance. Free bloomer, 3 ft. **.40**
- WISP**—Small pure yellow; long stems. 5 ft. **.50**

## SPECIAL OFFERS

**Our Selection of Varieties—Every Root Labeled  
ORDER BY NUMBER**

- 1— 1 Large Decorative 1 True Cactus and  
1 Large Semi-cactus dahlia. **\$1.25**
- 2— 3 Extra choice Giant dahlias for **1.60**
- 3— Three Different Miniatures for **1.10**

## SURPRISE Offer of Dahlias

From May 15th to June 15th, I will send **postpaid** a named collection worth **\$3.50 to \$4.00** for only **\$2.20**. All quite different in color, type, size, etc. Our selection, as I am giving you the benefit of a planting time surplus that is always had on some varieties each season.

## Many Dahlias Not Listed

If you do not find the varieties you want in this catalog, write us. We have many of which stock is too limited this season to catalog. But we will be glad to quote you our lowest prices on them.





## COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

Average diameter of all Collarettes is 3 to 4½ in.

- Cherubino**—Pure white with creamy collar. Long, stiff stems. Keeps well cut. 4 ft. **\$1.00**
- Clair de Lune**—Yellow; yellow coll. 3 ft. **.50**
- Curiosity**—Brownish red; cream collar **1.00**
- ERICA**—A blackish ruby red with collars of same tone with showy white tips. 3 ft. **.50**
- Fandango**—Crimson with yellow collar **.85**
- Florisant**—Large, showy rosy lilac with pure white collar. Long, stout stems. 4 ft. **\$1.00**
- Geerlings Elite**—Terra-cotta, yellow. **.85**
- Kaiserwalzer**—Large orange red with a pure yellow collar. Long, stout stems. 5 ft. **\$1.00**
- Keukenhof**—Purple; white edge, collar. **.75**
- LA CIERVA**—Unusual and most pleasing rich burgandy rose; large white collar. 4 ft. **.85**
- La Giaconda**—Scarlet; yellow collar. 3 ft. **.75**
- Libretto**—Dark velvety red petals with pure white collars. Extra free; long stems. 5 ft. **.50**
- Woodpecker**—Garnet red; yellow coll. 4 ft. **.90**

## SINGLE DAHLIAS (Not Dwarf)

- Kokette**—Rich red with golden tips. 4 ft. **.50**
- Palette**—Blend of jasper red and gold. Very showy in garden or bouquets. 4 ft. **.95**
- MIA KARSTEN**—Very lovely clear lilac-rose with a maroon ring or halo around yellow disc. Unusually attractive. 2 feet. **.60**

### MAKE YOUR GARDEN WORK A PLEASURE

Dahlias require care and take some work, of course, but when you learn to know them, love them, and maybe, even 'talk to them', the 'work' will not be begrudged—or wasted.

## POMPON DAHLIAS

Diminutive Show or Ball shaped dahlias that are so popular for cut flowers as they have good stiff stems and are very long keepers. They are also great bloomers.



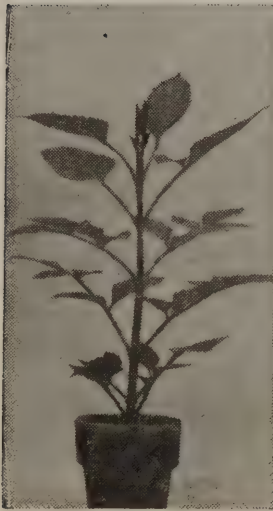
**35c each, except those priced otherwise.**

**4 varieties (our choice) for \$1.10, postpaid,**

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- Albino**—Small pure white; long stems. . . . . **.60**  
**ALICE**—Bright pure scarlet red; long stems.  
**Apropos** — Best small, bright pure yellow **.50**  
**BETTY ANN**—A beautiful pure pink shade,  
 Small flowers very freely produced 3 ft.  
**FANNY**—Pure bright mustard orange. 3ft. **.50**  
**Frits**—Red heavily tipped white 3 ft. **.50**  
**Gold Dust**—Small gold dust yellow. 2½ft. **.50**  
**HOLLY**—A rich holly red of exhibition size  
 Extra free flowering bushy habit. 3 ft. **.75**  
**JOE FETTE**—The ideal pure white. 3ft.  
**LEO**—Flaming scarlet. yellow at base. . . . **.50**  
**Little Willem**—Violet tipped white. . . . **.75**  
**Marg Williams**—Lavender pink, purple **.75**  
**MARY MUNNS**—Soft lilac with orchid sheen  
**Percy**—Cinnamon red. Perfect form. . . .  
**Precious Gem**—Small dark blood red. . . **.60**  
**Quick**—Clear salmon pink. . . . . **.75**  
**Rifleman**—Neat, soft old rose; very free **.60**  
**Rosemary Golby**—Yellow, edged peach **.75**  
**Samarinda**—Bright sunset orange. . . . . **.75**  
**SANEE K**— A most attractive raspberry red  
**SweeZle**—Long stemmed, pure white. **New .75**  
**UNIT**—The tiniest of rich red poms. 2½ft. **.75**  
**Yellow Gem**—A soft shade of yellow. . .  
**Zonnegold**—Apricot yellow; long stems **.50**



# DAHLIA PLANTS



Dahlia Plants are grown from cuttings taken from selected roots and rooted in a propagating bench. They are then potted and when well established are ready for shipment. These plants will produce bushes and flowers equal to those grown from roots, if given a bit more care after planting out. Set the ball of soil 5 to 6 inches below the surface. Water well and shade for a few days, if sun is hot.

Ready for mailing May 15th to June 15

Plants will be sent postpaid to 1st, 2nd and 3rd zones **only**, and are guaranteed to arrive at that distance in good growing condition.

Whenever possible, I advise calling at greenhouse for them

**BLACK MONARCH**—(ID-10") Misty blackish red rigidly erect on cane-like stems. Free but rather a late bloomer, 4½ ft. **.65**

**BURNBRAE MEMORIES**—(D-11") One of largest and finest pure yellow for exhibition and garden. 3 ft. **\$1.00**

**Feu Anversoise** (C-5") A striking light Indian orange-red with long, erect, wiry stems for cutting Early, constant bloomer. 4 ft. **.75**

**FLAMING SPIDER**—(C-7") A pure flaming vermilion with deeply incurved and interlaced narrow petals. Free flowering and erect on long stems. 4½ feet. **\$1.00**

**FRESCO**—(C-9") A beautiful, deep rose pink with deeply frimbriated petal tips. Long and erect stems. The best of this type. 4 ft. **\$1.25**  
One of the very finest new English dahlias to date.

**IVORY GIANT**—(SC-9") Perfect form and stem. **.85**

**MME. KRONACKER**—(C-6") Novel and beautiful blend of ruby rose to silver at tips of the straight petals. Quite distinct with best of stems. You'll like it. 3½ ft. **\$1.00**

**OUR FRIEND**—(ID-11") Called phlox "purple", which is a beautiful lilac lavender. Vigorous grower with deep flowers on strong stems. A winner in its class. 5 ft. **\$2.00**

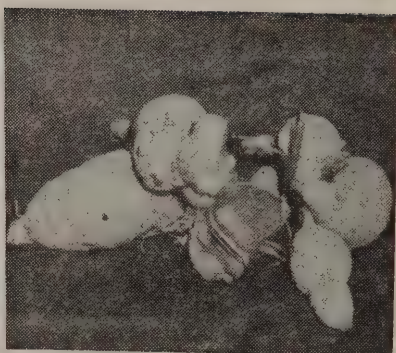
**SURPRISE**—(SC-10") Massive peach pink on best of stems. Of great depth and substance. Prizewinning 1955 introduction. 5 ft. **\$2.00**

**TORCH** (Ballay's)-(SC-10") Cream to purple tips. **\$1.25**

**Wagschal's Goldkrohne**—(C-7") Deeply incurved bright gold with brown center. Extra fine stems. 4 ft. **1.00**

For descriptions of following, see preceeding pages

<b>BIG BEN</b> .....	<b>\$1.25</b>	<b>Nearest Blue</b> .....	<b>.85</b>
<b>Barbara Marshall</b> ..	<b>.75</b>	<b>PREMIE '48</b> .....	<b>.50</b>
<b>BROWN OWL</b> .....	<b>1.25</b>	<b>Salmon Glory</b> .....	<b>1.00</b>
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<b>Croydon Masterpiece</b>	<b>.90</b>	<b>TARTAN</b> .....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>DUET</b> .....	<b>2.00</b>	<b>Television</b> .....	<b>.65</b>
<b>GRACE</b> .....	<b>.60</b>	<b>PIQUANT</b> .....	<b>.65</b>
<b>Nagel's Solidite</b> ...	<b>.65</b>	<b>Viscount Bledisloe</b>	<b>1.00</b>
		<b>Also others in mid-June</b>	



A clump of tubers grown from a 'plant' set out in June, and dug in November after three months of blooming. At right it's divided into two; some divide into 4 or more

## DAHLIA POT ROOTS

The following varieties are offered in dormant pot grown clumps. For descriptions see elsewhere. Pot roots illustrated on page 28,

All prices on Pot Roots are **NET**

DECORATIVE & S-C		
A. H. SPICER.....	75	GRANDEZZA..... .75
Deep Velvet.....	.50	MAGNETIC..... .75
FIRST LADY.....	1.75	Miss R. Fletcher.. .50
Janet Beckett....	.90	Princess Royal.... .90
Jane Lausche.....	.75	Temple Fire.... .90
Pride of Parkersbrg	.90	Wilhelm Ropke.... .75
VARIETY GIRL....	.75	
CACTUS		MINIATURES, ETC.
Allegresse.....	\$0.90	Baby Spencer..... .50
AGLAJA.....	.60	Cherubino... .65
Cand. Anversoise..	.75	Croix du Sud..... 1.00
CHERRIO.....	.65	HOCKLEY NYMPH 1.00
Flaming Spider....	1.00	La Cierva..... .60
Flor. Chadwck ..	1.25	META ..... .75
F. HARRIS .....	.50	Orange Baby..... 1.00
		Silver Springs..... .75
		SNOWCUP..... .75

Also have a limited stock of many other varieties.

I know of no flowering plant that will respond more to a little special coaxing than the Dahlia. They just naturally make friends because of their unlimited variety of color combinations, sizes, forms, and individual characteristics.

Right here in Portland, Oregon is held the  
**Largest Dahlia Show in the West**  
 This year it will be held Sept. 14th & 15th  
 in the MASONIC TEMPLE. Remember the date.

### Join Your Local Dahlia Society

If you are a lover of Dahlias you will get a lot of pleasure and information from your local Dahlia Society. The dues are very small, the benefits could be great and you will enjoy "talking it over" with other members. The Portland Dahlia Society meets every month. For information, contact Gladys Moreland Secy, 8827 N E. Clackamas, Portland.





**A Clump** of dahlias after digging, cleaning, trimming off fibrous feeder roots and cutting off stalk close to tubers. It is now ready for storage in a frost proof place, packed in sawdust, sand and peat, soil, vermiculite, newspapers, etc.

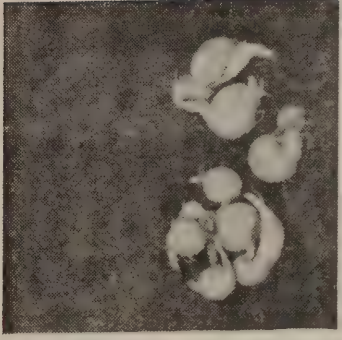
Such uniform clumps as this are an exception to the rule. Seldom can you divide clumps with 7 tubers into 7 divisions with 'eyes'.



The **same clump** after dividing. Note the 'eyes' at crown end of tubers circled in white. The tuber painted white is the 'mother' tuber and is usually discarded when too large or is without an eye.



A 'large' clump, but having only three tubers with 'eyes'. All the tubers painted white are 'feeder' tubers, attached to the three good tubers and not to the crown. Before storing or dividing cut them all off with a sharp knife or pruning shears and discard them—no 'eyes'. This will also save some storage space.



These **Pot Roots** are dormant clumps, grown in 2½ or 3 inch pots, from cuttings taken late the previous spring. They will usually produce a better clump in the fall than do field grown divisions, especially if the latter are rather large. Pot Roots are offered of a few on page 24.

# Successful Dahlia Growing

By E. Henry White

The Dahlia of to-day is one of the easiest of all flowers to grow and will produce more flowers, size considered, than any other plant grown, if these simple cultural directions are followed. Prepare the soil in your beds thoroughly by spading the ground 12 to 18 inches deep in the Fall, if possible, and again in the Spring, pulverizing and packing it down with the spading tool as much as you can. Soil left too loose or lumpy will soon dry out. I find the English or trench method of spading the best way if a real good job is desired. If your soil is quite sandy or gravelly, some well rotted manure, leaf mold or peat moss thoroughly mixed in, will help greatly to hold the moisture.

Very heavy or clay soil is greatly benefited by adding some coarse sand, peat moss, partly rotted sawdust, compost, etc. One of the best times to cultivate is before you plant by preparing your soil deeply and thoroughly.

If your soil is really poor, work in a little bone meal or other good fertilizer not too high in nitrogen, and very well rotted cow manure.

Select an open, sunny situation, although they do quite well in partial shade if given a little more space or kept well thinned out. Getting full benefit of all the morning sun only is ideal. If possible, give your dahlias a 'home' of their own. Large sorts should be about 3ft. apart in a bed 3 feet wide, or better yet, plant two rows in a bed 5 to 6 feet wide.

From early May to early June is the planting time we recommend for Portland and similar climates. This will give you flowers from the middle of August to heavy frost. They are really an Autumn flower and should not start to bloom till the heat of summer is just about over. However, those living near the ocean, or where the summers are cooler, can plant in April.

When planting, never stand the tuber on end; lay it flat in a hole 5 to 6 inches deep. If possible, turn tuber so the 'eye' points upward. Put some sand and peat or fine soil around and under the 'eye' end of it and then fill in with about 2 inches of the same material. The balance can be filled in level after it grows up above surface of soil. If the soil is quite moist its better not to water when planting. The size of the tuber makes no difference as long as it has one good strong eye or sprout.

Allow only one sprout to grow from each tuber. When they have made their second or third set of leaves, pinch the top out. This causes it to grow a stout branch at the base of each of the four or six leaves left. This means lower plants, more and better flowers.



When branches have reached a height of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet, two strong stakes, 4 to 6 feet long (depending on height of the dahlia), should be driven in about a foot away from the plant, one on each side. Tie up loosely with harvesting twine or soft materials by wrapping once around the stakes and tying a loop and bow knot. As plant grows bow can be untied and twine raised up on stakes.

One can easily overwater, when plants are young, but you cannot over cultivate at this stage of their growth. However, whenever you do water, soak the beds thoroughly. It is far better to give a dahlia seven gallons of water in one day, than 1 a day for 7 days. Always cultivate surface as soon after as dry enough. Dahlias like plenty of water when in bloom but can't stand 'wet feet'. How is your drainage?

To have the greatest of success is to **keep them growing**, but as strong and sturdy as possible. You will get few, if any, blooms (and inferior) from hardened or stunted growth.

When buds appear, stop all deep cultivation and give the beds a mulch of manure, leaves, grass clippings, etc. If sufficient mulching is not available, make a shallow basin around each plant, and fill well with mulching. After two or three weeks, a little additional fertilizer may be put on every ten days, or so. Feeding in liquid form is best in most cases, but use caution—don't give too much at one time.

If you want larger Dahlias of greater substance and longer, stronger stems — **disbud**. When the size of peas, pinch off all buds in a cluster except the largest, unless it is deformed.

To make your dahlias healthier looking and also to hold insects in check, give your bushes a shower bath every evening, during the dry hot weather. They will greatly appreciate it.

A few days after the tops have been blackened by a heavy frost, late in the Fall, cut them off and dig carefully so as not to break the necks of tubers. Remove most of the soil, but not necessarily all of it. When possible, dig on a sunny day, allowing clumps to dry off before storing, cutting off the remaining hollow stalk as close to tubers as you can. If troubled with wet stem rot, turn clumps upside down or, split stalk and clump in halves. An old-fashioned or potato cellar is ideal for dahlias. If in a heated basement, put them in the coolest corner, on the floor or in a large box. Before there are signs of shriveling, cover the clumps slightly with barely moist earth, peat, sand, sawdust. Sprinkle a bit when too dry.

In the spring when the tubers commence to sprout, the clumps should be divided with a sharp knife into divisions of single tubers or more, with one strong eye or sprout to each.

## A Brief History of the Dahlia

The Dahlia is a native of Mexico and before the invasion of Mexico by Cortez was grown by the Aztecs under the name Acocotli.

It has been known to the horticultural world for only about 175 years, having been discovered in its single form, on the plateaus and prairies of Mexico over 2000 feet above sea level.

In 1789 seeds of this newly found flowering plant were sent from Mexico to the Royal Gardens at Madrid. It was soon given the name Dahlia in honor of Professor Andreas Dahl, a Swedish botanist, who did so much to improve it.

Evidently it took some twenty years for the first break towards the double form to appear. The *first* perfectly *double* flowers were obtained by M. Dankelaar, of the Belgian Botanical Gardens in 1814.

Twelve years later there were only sixty varieties. About this time (1820) the perfect Ball type with cupped petals was developed. It was about thirty years later before the miniature Ball or Pom Pon type was perfected.

After 1860 the dahlia lost some of its popularity. But in 1872 M. van der Berg, Utrecht, Holland, received a box of various roots and seeds from a friend in Mexico. They arrived in bad condition and just a few grew. From one tiny tuber a growth started and when it bloomed the brilliant color and distinct form created a sensation. This was the forerunner of the Cactus type of today. It was named, *Jaurezii*, after the President of Mexico, and was offered to the public for the first time about 1875. With the advent of this new type, interest increased by leaps and bounds. The contrast between *Juarezii* and its many gorgeous descendants is so great that it staggers belief.

When the Cactus type was crossed with the broad, flat-petaled Decoratives it produced the Hybrid, or Semi-Cactus, type.

Dahlia evolution did not stop here, however, for in 1900 a new and very different type appeared: the Collarette, which was developed and first shown in France. New, improved varieties are again making this unique type very popular for bouquets and arrangements.

A few years later, Holland offered large, Peony-flowered Dahlias, which were so very free-flowering that they were the most popular garden dahlia for nearly 25 years.

In recent years Dwarf Bedding types have been developed which grow only 12 to 18 inches high, including Singles, Decoratives, Cactus, and the new Anemone type which has a pin-cushion-like center.

Now, after all these years of natural crosses and hand hybridizing, what do we have?

So many forms we cannot classify them.

So many colors we cannot describe them.

So many varieties we cannot name them.

So many admirers we cannot count them.

And still the parade keeps coming on and on.

### An Invitation to Everyone

You are invited to visit the Gardens, in the Fall, and see the dahlias in bloom. Come any day before a hard frost. They are at their best Sept. 10th to Oct. 15th.

**No mud! No dust! No tiresome walking!**

Go to one block north of the Peninsula Park on Albina Avenue. Right on Mississippi bus line.





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There is no healthier, or more interesting hobby than growing flowers, and especially the Dahlia in its many forms, sizes and colors.

If you have never grown Dahlias, why not try some this year. Even ONE good, modern variety, if given GOOD care, will give you more delight than many neglected or inferior sorts.



Lilianne Ballego

A real showy Miniature in the garden.



**Janet Beckett**

One of the best large Semi-Cactus dahlias.



**Mary Elizabeth**

One of the largest red Semi-Cactus ever grown  
The top prizewinner at many of the recent shows.



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## Insects that Attack Dahlias

**THRIPS** are very tiny yellowish insects hard to see without a magnifying glass. They enter unfolding leaf tips and buds, causing gnarled leaves and stunted petals.

**LEAF HOPPERS** are larger than Thrips and a pale yellowish green. When bushes are disturbed they fly out from the under side of leaves, where they live and 'work'

**TARNISH PLANT BUG** is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, of brownish shades. It punctures flower stems and tiny buds, deforming and blighting them. They also tarnish petals.

**Cucumber BEETLES** are greenish yellow with 12 black spots. They eat holes in the petals of the flowers.

**APHIDS** (Plant Lice) Soft bodied, green, black or red insects, sometimes infesting dahlia stems and buds.

**RED SPIDER MITE** are minute insects that work on under side of leaves, starting on older and lower ones.

To **CONTROL** these **PESTS** I have had satisfactory results with 25 per cent Liquid **D D T** on any or all of the upper four. However, if Spider Mites are evident, I suggest you use **Vapatone** or the new 50 per cent **Malathon** which will control all these insects.

I can send to you a 1 oz. bottle of **Malathon** for 50c, or a 4 oz. bottle for only \$1.00 if packed in your dahlia order or called for,

**DISEASES & INSECTS** rob the plants of vitality, and in the case of most diseases, eventually destroy the plants. Only control for such infected plants is to dig out and destroy them when symptoms are apparent. Disease is spread by chewing and sucking insects—keep them well under control.

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## KEEPING CUT DAHLIA BLOOMS

Cut the flowers as late as possible in the evening or very early in the morning, while the dew is still on them. Cut with long stems or stalks, removing all leaves on lower half of stems. Then immediately submerge them two-thirds of their length in cold water and put them in a cool place, away from all draft for a few hours, or overnight, if possible. If you pierce the hollow, lower part of the stem with the point of a knife, it will allow it to take up more water. In cutting any of the double types, try and select those blooms that are in their prime, or developed to their fullest extent. Just a day too soon will often make quite a difference in some of the quicker maturing varieties.

When cutting **SINGLE** dahlias select only the youngest blooms, (those not fully open preferred) and they will last about four days, or till the pollen in center fully develops.

Syringing the cut blooms with a fine spray of water will help them to last. When wilted, they will usually revive if sprayed and put in a cool place, away from drafts, in fresh water.

When you plan on having a bouquet of dahlias in your home on Sunday, cut them late Saturday evening and place them deep in cold water in a cool place, out of drafts—they will keep much longer.

The popularity of the Dahlia increases year by year, both for garden decoration and cut flowers. Each year finds improvements made in the stems, freedom of bloom, keeping qualities and new blending of colors.



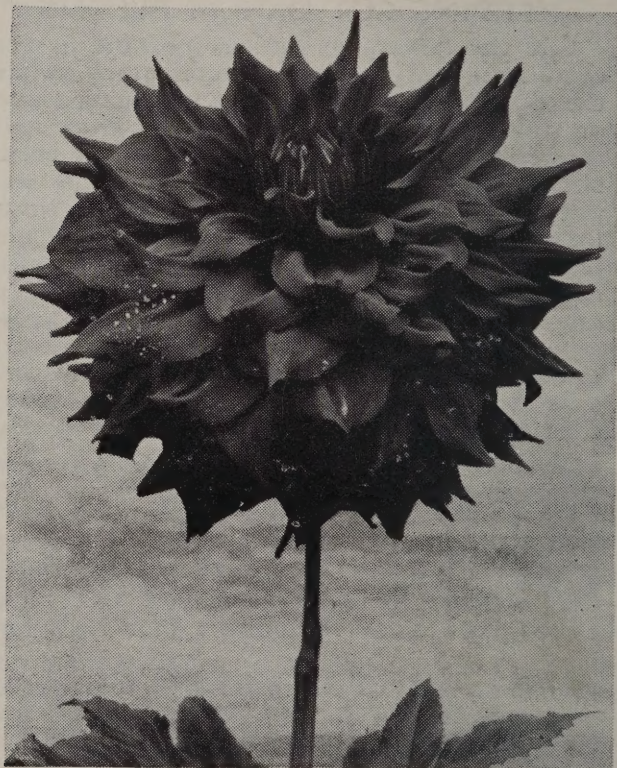
**"COMETE"** Anemone flowered type  
See inside front cover for a description.

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**H**E WHO SOWS THE GROUND WITH  
CARE AND DILIGENCE ACQUIRES  
A GREATER STOCK OF RELIGIOUS  
MERIT THAN HE COULD GAIN BY  
THE REPETITION OF TEN THOUSAND  
PRAYERS.

—ZOROASTER

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**"POP HARRIS"** See page 16

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